phosphate and potash content of indigenous complex grade fertilisers.

The declining trend in the production of decontrolled fertilisers, including complexes, occasioned by the increase in their open market prices consequent to decontrol, has now been reversed. Imports of urea are effected to bridge the gap between its assessed demand and indigenous availability.

Coping with Chemical Accidents

8375. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to form district level statutory crisis groups to cope with chemical disasters.

(b) if so, what will be the shape of such crisis groups; and

(c) by when these groups are likely to be formed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requirement of Fertilizers

8376. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of fertilizers in Punjab;

(b) the reasons for deficiency of fertilizers in Punjab; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to overcome this deficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Urea is the only fertilizer under prices, distribution and movement contols and its demand is assessed for the purpose of allocations under the Essential Commodities Act. (ECA), 1995. The demand of Urea in the State of Punjab during the current Kharif season is 10.50 lakh tonnes.

Necessary measures have been taken to meet the ECA allocation of urea for the State from field stocks, indigenous production and imports.

The demand and supply of decontrolled fertilizers depend on market forces. The availability of fertilizers in Punjab in relation to the current demand is comfortable.

रसायन और उर्वरक एककों को राजसहायता

8377. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे :**
श्री चिमनभ ई हरिभाई शुक्ल :

क्या **रसायन और उर्वरक** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार रसायन और उर्वरक एककों को और ज्यादा राजसहायता देने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात में रसायन और उर्वरक एककों को वर्ष-वार कितनी-कितनी राशि की राजसहायता प्रदान की गई; और

(घ) वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए गुजरात के लिए राजसहायता की कितनी राशि स्वीकृत की गई है ?

रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो : (क) और (ख) इस समय, रसायनों के लिए कोई राजसहायता योजना नहीं है। जहां तक स्वदेशी उर्वरक निर्माता एककों को राजसहायता देने का सम्बन्ध है 1995-96 के

लिए 3950 करोड़ रु० का बजट प्रावधान है जबकि वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान 4075 करोड़ रु० राज सहायता का भुगतान किया गया था । गत वर्ष दी गई राजसहायता छठी मूल्य निर्धारण योजना के अंतर्गत गत वर्षों के लिए किए गए बकायों के कारण अपेक्षाकृत अधिक थी ।

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात में स्थित विभिन्न स्वदेशी उर्वरक निर्माता एककों को दी गयी राज सहायता निम्नानुसार है :--

वर्ष	राशि (रु० करोड़ में)
1992-93	1009.51
1993-94	569.23
1994-95	672.37

(घ) गुजरात में एककों को दी गई राज सहायता वर्ष के दौरान उनके उत्पादन स्तर पर निर्भर करेगी । बजट में राज-सहायता का कोई राज्यवार आबंटन नहीं किया जाता है ।

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

8378. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken regarding the administrative and financial aspects of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority and the National Drugs Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when these two authorities are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Consequent upon the announcement of "Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986" in September, 1994, necessary action for setting up of a National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NEPA) has been initiated by this Ministry and that for the National Drugs Authority (NDA) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Both these matters are under process.

Issue of Notice for Recovery Against DPEA.

8379. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued notices recently for recovery against DPEA under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the basis on which companies have been picked up and the source on which data has been relied upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) In 77 cases liabilities have been computed suo-moto, interalia, on the basis of sales figures from Retail Store Audit Report published by Operations Research Group (ORG). This had to be resorted to because, despite reminders, the concerned companies did not furnish the details relevant for computing the liabilities under Para 7 (2) of the Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1979, to the Government.

Inter-Ministerial Groups of Fertilizer Prices

8380. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up an Inter-Ministerial Group to consider a hike in the controlled prices of Urea; and